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In re Patent Application of )  
Darja FERČEJ TEMELJOTOV et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: PCT/SI00/00002 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
International Filing Date: 17 February 2000 )  
For: DIRECTLY COMPRESSIBLE MATRIX )  
FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE OF )  
SINGLE DAILY DOSES OF )  
CLARITHROMYCIN )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the Claims:

In the above application, before examination thereof, please cancel claims 1-15 and enter the following substitute claims 16-28:

16. A pharmaceutical formulation for peroral single daily application, comprising clarithromycin or a derivative thereof and a mixture of a fatty and a hydrophilic component.
17. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16, further comprising a surfactant.
18. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16, further comprising a pH modulator.
19. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16, wherein the fatty component comprises glyceryl behenate.